

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

00:00:00

Call to Order: By **SEN. DAN WEINBERG**, on March 8, 2005 at 3:15 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 187, 3/3/2005; HB 114, 3/3/2005;
HB 135, 3/3/2005
Executive Action: HB 55, HB 187, HB 114, HB 135
(started; motion withdrawn)

HEARING ON HB 187

00:00:44

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BOB BERGREN (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 187, Expand old forts trail.

[EXHIBIT](#)(his51a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:27 Arnold Olsen, Montana Historical Society

[EXHIBIT](#)(his51a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:04:53 John Blacker, Montana Department of Transportation

00:05:32

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:22

Closing by Sponsor:

HEARING ON HB 114

00:07:00

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JOHN WITT (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 114, Extend duration of historic right-of-way on state land.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:46 Jerry Wiens, Montana Electric Cooperative
Association

00:10:35 Ron Ostberg, Montana Independent Telecommunication
Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:12 Jeannie Holmgren, Department of Natural Resources
and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT](#)(his51a03)

Informational Testimony:

00:14:18

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:11

Closing by Sponsor:

HEARING ON HB 135

00:17:00

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DEE BROWN (R), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 135, Require cost-effective system for state airline ticket purchasing.

Proponents' Testimony:

Opponents' Testimony:

Informational Testimony:

00:18:49 Sheryl Olson, Department of Administration

[EXHIBIT](#)(his51a04)

00:19:00 Kent Wilcox, Legislative Audit Division

00:19:15

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:42

Closing by Sponsor:

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 55

00:40:58

Motion: SEN. LASLOVICH moved HB 55 BE CONCURRED IN.

00:40:58

Motion: SEN. LASLOVICH moved the amendments to HB 55.

EXHIBIT(his51a05)

Discussion: None.

00:44:28

Motion/Vote: SEN. LASLOVICH moved that HB 55 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 187

00:46:16

Motion/Vote: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that HB 187 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 114

00:46:59

Motion/Vote: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that HB 114 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 135

00:48:02

Motion: SEN. SMITH moved that HB 135 BE CONCURRED IN.

00:48:10

Discussion:

00:55:43 SEN. SMITH withdrew his motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

GP/ph

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([his51aad0.PDF](#))